For Nixon one of the advantages of stalling everything was inherent in the exconomic disaster that was the consequence of his administration. It had been delayed by a combination of war spending, unemployment reduced by employable men in the armed services, and the industrial and marketing momentum of the wealthiest country in the wrold had ever known.

But neither a country nor an economy can run itself. Nixon had been running a campaign against those he fancied to be his enemies, against the needs of the needy, to get himself re-elected, which meant currying the favor of t ose with money, but he is as he always was, no more than an aginer. It requires more of a ~~xxxxx~~ president in this ~~xx~~ era than strong hates and no really constructive programs. Where the expended funds would be out back into the economy immediately by getting into the hands of the neediest, who have to spend them immediately, and on such programs as would help those poorly equipped to make contributions to the economy, he cut funds and refused to spend those enacted by the Congress. His illegal decimation of the Office of Economic Opportunity is a case in point.

Economic chaos and political chaos are twins. He caused both, and his game was to profit fromboth by delaying any kind of action to where it could work his way. Were there to be food riots, which may seem remote at the time of this writing but which could also come about with people really hungry, then the military could be depended upon to opt for "stability,"which would mean sweating it out with Nixon.

)Consult Poory in Coup file)